

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-336

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carrico

Date of Introduction: April 24, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: April 24, 2026

Type of Action: Ordinance amendment; approve and authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver a Grant-Related Programmatic Use Agreement; provide for oversight;

Bill Summary: This bill amends Ordinance 2025-781-E by amending the Fourth Revised Exhibit 3 (EWU Funding Agreement Term Sheet) to provide the terms and conditions for use of City funds for planning, design, and permitting for the construction of track improvements on the EWU campus in lieu of a living, learning, community center as originally proposed and authorized. It approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, a Grant-Related Programmatic Use Agreement to provide the terms and conditions for programming and shared use of the track improvements by the City. It provides for oversight of the Use Agreement by the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department.

Background Information: On December 9, 2025, the City Council enacted Ordinance 2025-781-E, which included an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to EWU to be used for planning, design, and permitting of a Living, Learning, Community Center to be constructed on the campus. The ordinance also authorized execution of a funding agreement with EWU for the Living, Learning, Community Center, subject to the terms and conditions appended as Fourth Revised Exhibit 3. Pursuant to these terms, the City and EWU were required to enter into a Use Agreement prior to disbursement of any City funds outlining the City's rights to use the Living, Learning, Community Center for community events.

After the enactment of Ordinance 2025-781-E, EWU proposed an alternative use of City funds for planning, design, and permitting for the construction of an NCAA-compliant 400-meter track and walking trail on the EWU campus, recognizing that this type of improvement would allow greater shared use of the City's facilities for community events. The City Council desires to revise the terms and conditions of the funding agreement approved by Ordinance 2025-781-E so that City funds will be used for the planning, design, and permitting of the Track Improvements rather than the Living, Learning, Community Center, and to approve and authorize a Grant-Related Programmatic Use Agreement outlining the terms for the City's use of the Track Improvements

The Use Agreement provides that EWU shall utilize the Track Improvements to provide a minimum of four community-wide wellness events annually. Furthermore, EWU shall partner with at least two local schools, youth-serving organizations, faith-based organizations, senior-serving organizations, neighborhood associations, and/or other community-based organizations annually to provide structured health and wellness programming at the Track Improvements. The Use Agreement also provides that EWU may make the Track Improvements available for additional programming, wellness initiatives, youth engagement activities, and other public serving events.

The City Council finds that the use of City funds for the planning, design, and permitting of the Track Improvements will enable and facilitate their construction, creating a facility designed to improve the quality of

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life for EWU students and the public. The City Council also finds that the authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for public uses and purposes for which the City may use its power as a municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of Florida and may expend public funds.

Policy Impact Area: EWU Track Improvements, Grant-Related Programmatic Use Agreement, health and wellness

Fiscal Impact: No cost to City.

Analyst: Russell